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**L'ANSE TO RECEIVE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

Sen. Prusi working with Granholm Administration to strengthen U.P. economy

LANSING – State Senator Mike Prusi (D-Ishpeming) today thanked the Granholm Administration's consistent efforts to strengthen the U.P.'s economy through \$690,000 in combined state funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). As a result, the Village of L'Anse will be able to proceed with efforts to revitalize downtown and attract new jobs.

"I am pleased that the Granholm Administration is remaining focused on assisting economic development in our communities," Sen. Prusi said. "The U.P. has been seeing a steady increase in jobs and growth because of this commitment."

L'Anse will use the \$440,000 CDBG for streetscape improvements on Main Street, including the demolition of a vacant building currently owned by the city. Additionally, this property will be sold to a developer for the construction of a new location for Pat's Foods—bringing 22 new jobs and \$2,000,000 in building investment to the community. The city will also use \$250,000 in funding from MDOT, and separate funds from the local Downtown Development Authority, for streetscape

improvements on Broad Street. The overall project will help to increase investment in the downtown community and make L'Anse more attractive for future employers.

“Community Development Block Grants have been an important tool in strengthening local economies in the U.P.,” Sen. Prusi said. “The downtown revitalization occurring in L'Anse is just one of many examples across the U.P. of a partnership to attract investment and jobs to local communities.”

The L'Anse CDBG is one of nearly a dozen granted to communities in the Western U.P. this past year.

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Mike Prusi serves as Democratic Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He represents the 38th Senate District, which includes all Upper Peninsula counties west of Luce County.